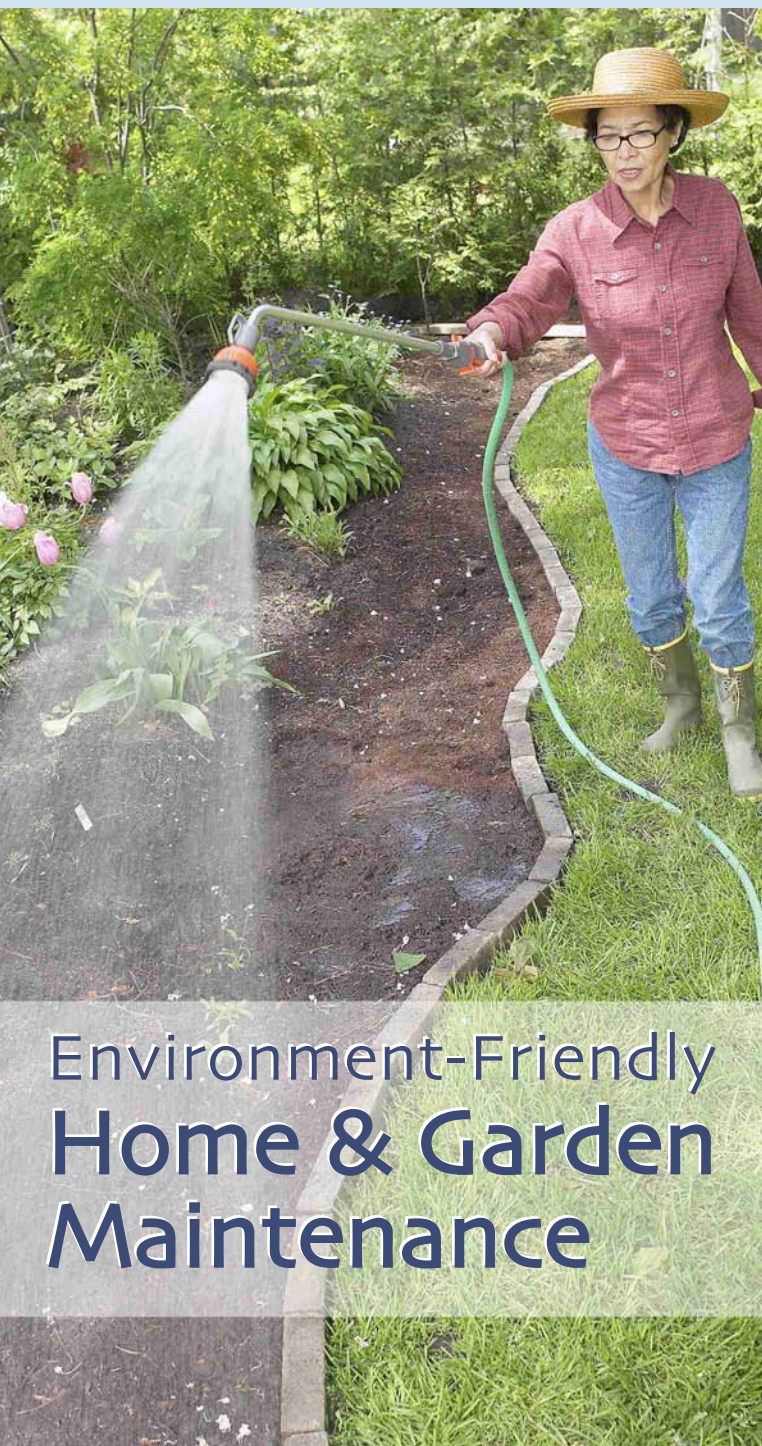


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## Environment-Friendly Home & Garden Maintenance



### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Public Works Operations  
1800 Maxwell Road, Chula Vista, CA 91911

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## Home and garden maintenance may be harmful to our environment!

**FACT:** Household chemicals, paint, pesticides, fertilizers, and trash are just a few of the pollutants that home and garden maintenance contribute to stormwater pollution.

**FACT:** When it rains, or when over-watering occurs, excess pesticides and fertilizers from your lawn and garden are washed into storm drains and into local waterways. These same waterways may flow through your neighborhood park, canyon, or along your walking trails, and ultimately into San Diego Bay.

**FACT:** Home improvement and maintenance projects often require significant cleanup. Washing excess paint, solvents, or other chemicals in the street, alley, or sidewalk will send these pollutants into the storm drain system.

**FACT:** When trash or debris is not stored in covered trashcans or bags, it can easily end up littering our waterways.

**FACT:** Stormwater pollution from home, garden and litter sources can harm aquatic life, and have an impact on us all.

**FACT:** You can prevent harmful chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, and trash from entering the storm drainage system by making better choices in your day-to-day activities.

## Make better choices. Maintain your home and garden with the environment in mind.

- ☞ When applying pesticides and fertilizers, use only the recommended amounts provided on the package and be careful not to over-apply.
- ☞ Pesticides and fertilizers should not be applied if rain is in the forecast. These products will simply wash away and pollute our waterways.
- ☞ If you use a water-based paint, remove excess paint from paintbrushes, pans, sprayers and other equipment with a rag before washing in a sink connected to the sewer. Dispose of clean, water-based paint cans in the trash.
- ☞ To control fertilizer and pesticide runoff, avoid over watering, check your irrigation system regularly, and make sure your sprinkler heads are running properly.
- ☞ Use effective natural alternatives to pesticides. Find more information at [www.projectcleanwater.org](http://www.projectcleanwater.org).
- ☞ To prevent leaves and garden clippings from flowing into the stormwater system, sweep them into a pile and put them into your Green Waste bin.
- ☞ Instead of using water to clean your sidewalks and driveways, a broom would be a better choice.
- ☞ Prevent sediment or loose dirt from entering the stormwater drainage system by planting vegetation on slopes that are exposed, and by maintaining your landscaped areas.

Do you want to get your yard or garden certified as nature-friendly? Visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/clean](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/clean) and click on "Conservation" to find out more about the NatureScape program.